

**17th Eastern Black Bear Workshop
“Black Bears in the Backyard”
Tentative Agenda
March 2-5, 2003**

**Wyndham Gardens and Conference Center
International Trade Center
Mount Olive, Morris County, New Jersey**

SUNDAY, MARCH 2

REGISTRATION: 12:00 PM- 5:00 PM WYNDHAM HOTEL LOBBY
EVENING SOCIAL 6:00 PM – 9:00PM WYNDHAM GARDENS HOTEL LOUNGE

MONDAY, MARCH 3

BREAKFAST 7-8AM
WELCOME 8:00 to 8:30AM
MARTIN MCHUGH, DIRECTOR, NEW JERSEY DIVISION OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
LARRY HERRIGHTY, CHIEF, BUREAU OF WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT
STATUS REPORTS: 8:30 to 9:00 AM Mark Ternent, Pennsylvania Game Commission
9:00 to 9:30 AM
Discussion and Additional Status Reports
INVITED PRESENTATION: 9:30 to 10:00 AM
The Tough Love Approach to Dealing with Nuisance Black Bears in LA
Paul and Maria Davidson, Black Bear Conservation Committee, Louisiana
BREAK 10:00 to 10:15 AM
10:15 to 10:45AM
An Assessment of Nuisance Bear Vulnerability to Localized Hunting Seasons in New Hampshire
Mark Ellingwood, New Hampshire
10:45to 11:15 AM
UPDATE: Baiting Black Bears: Hunting Techniques and Management Issues
Hank Hristienko, Manitoba Conservation Wildlife and Ecosystem Protection Branch
11:15 to 11:45 AM
Social Carrying Capacity of Black Bear in the Lower Peninsula of Michigan
Peter Bull and Dr. Ben Peyton, Michigan State University
Tim Reis, Larry Visser and Dwayne Etter, Michigan Dept. of Natural Resources
LUNCH 11:45 to 1:00 PM

PRESENTATIONS

1:00 to 2:00

Mast Crop Survey Methods:

Tod Fearer, Independent Consultant

2:00 to 2:30 PM

Solid Waste Management in Black Bear Nuisance Abatement

McClintock Metals, California

2:30 to 3:00 PM

New Jersey Black Bear Rehabilitation Program

Tracey Leaver, Director, Woodlands Wildlife Refuge

AFTERNOON BREAK

3:00-3:30 PM

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS: 3:30- 5:00 PM

Mast Crop Evaluation, Tod Fearer

Educating the Masses Liz Jackson New Jersey

DNA Population Modeling Dr. Thomas Eason Florida

Police Involvement in Black Bear Nuisance Abatement, Pat Carr

Waste Management, McClintock Metals

DINNER

6:00-7:00 PM

GUEST LECTURER:

7:30-9:00 PM

Managing Wildlife Populations with Immuno-contraception:

DEER, BEAR and the FDA

Dr. Mark Fraker, Spayvac

TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2003

BREAKFAST

7 to 8 AM

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

8:00 to 8:30 AM

**Home Range and Habitat Utilization on a Temporal Scale of
New Jersey Black Bear (*Ursus americanus*)
Ken MacKenzie, East Stroudsburg University**

8:30 to 9:00 AM

**Media, Public Opinion and NJ Black Bear Management: A
Content Analysis
Robert Longcor, New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife**

9:00 to 9:30 AM

**Intranet Availability Improves Bear Database
Brian K. Scheick, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission**

9:30 to 10:00 AM

**Nuisance Bear Dynamics in Sunbury, Ontario
Josef Hamr, Ivan Filson Northern Environmental Heritage Institute,
Mike Hall Sudbury District, Ministry of Natural Resources**

BREAK

10:00 to 10:15 AM

10:15 to 10:45 AM

**Statewide Assessment of Road Impacts on Bears in Florida
Stephanie L. Simek, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission**

10:45 to 11:15 AM

**Black Bear Movements and Habitat use Relative to roads in Ocala National
Forest, J. Walter McCown, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation
Commission**

11:15 to 11:45 AM

**Development of Consistent Regional Black Bear Health Assessment Protocols
Dr. Cindy Driscoll, Maryland DNR**

LUNCH

11:45-1:00 PM

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

1:00 to 1:30 PM

**Bear Activity and Edge Avoidance within Fragmented Landscape in West
Central Florida. Mike Orlando, University of Kentucky**

1:30 to 2:00 PM

**Identifying Potential Landscape Linkages for an Isolated Black Bear Population
in Florida, Dr. Jeff Larkin, University of Kentucky**

2:00 to 2:30 PM

**National Be Bear Aware & Wildlife Stewardship Campaign
Introduction to the Eastern United States
Chuck Bartlebaugh, Project Facilitator**

2:30 to 3:00 PM

**Abundance and Genetic Structure of Two Black Bear Populations Prior to
Highway Construction in Eastern North Carolina
Laura M. Thompson, Graduate Research Assistant
University of Tennessee**

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Waste Management, McClintock Metals

DINNER/BANQUET 6:00 to 7:00 PM

PRESENTATION 7:30 to 9:30 PM
Hunting: How it modifies wildlife behavior Dr. Val Geist

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2003

BREAKFAST 7:00 to 9:00 AM

PRESENTATIONS (IF NEEDED) 9:00 to 10:00 AM

GENERAL SUMMARY AND DISCUSSION 10:00 to 11:00 AM

BUSINESS MEETING 11:00 to 12:00 AM

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